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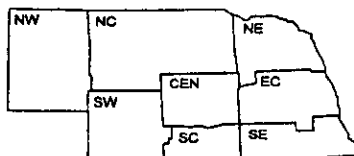
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged nine to fifteen degrees below normal in the eastern half of the State with temperatures twenty to twenty-five degrees below normals in the western half. Precipitation was recorded over most of the State with heaviest snowfall occurring in the central third of the State.

GENERAL

Moisture received this past week continued to slow final harvest activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow cover has been beneficial to the wheat crop but hindered gleaning potential for cattle on stalk fields. Other producer activities included marketing grain and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn harvest pressed forward slowly to 98% complete, compared to 99% last year and 95% average.

CROPS (cont.)

Harvest progress was slowed across the State due to snow cover and wet field conditions. Concern was noted over increased field loss potential.

Wheat condition continued to improve and rated 4% poor, 30% fair, 56% good, and 10% excellent.

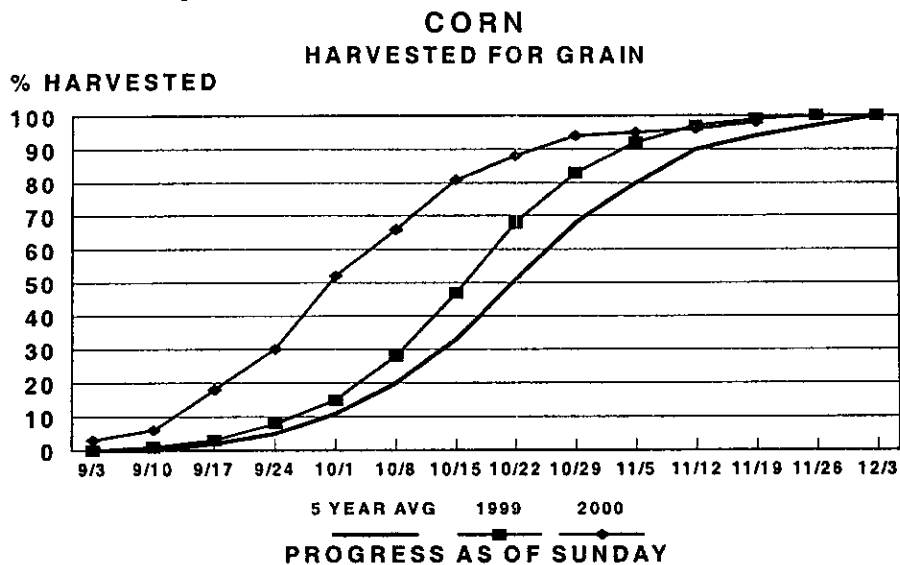
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producers continued to utilize harvested stalk fields; however, snow cover has prompted supplemental feeding. Hay and forage supplies are rated 6% very short, 35% short, 57% adequate, and 2% surplus. Without prompt snow melt, hay and forage demand will continue to increase. Moisture received last week should help next year's pasture growth.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 19, 2000		AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS							STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE	
		NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC					SE
PERCENT													
% Corn Harvested		83	99	99	100	100	94	99	100	98	96	99	95
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2000													
Days Suitable		2.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.7	0.0	1.2	0.9	3.1	5.7	
Topsoil Moisture	- Very short	3	15	10	16	13	0	0	13	9	8	0	
	- Short	20	25	23	20	27	2	22	47	23	32	3	
	- Adequate	77	60	55	54	59	90	78	40	64	56	91	
	- Surplus	0	0	12	10	1	8	0	0	4	4	6	
Subsoil Moisture-	- Very Short	22	20	30	30	65	8	42	84	37	44	1	
	- Short	39	57	39	44	30	47	34	16	38	39	8	
	- Adequate	39	23	25	26	4	45	24	0	24	17	85	
	- Surplus	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	

Monthly Release Begins

This will be the last Weekly Weather and Crops report for this growing season. We hope this year's publications have benefitted our readers in following crop progress in Nebraska. During the winter months (January, February and March), we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly issue will be issued January 2nd, 2001. Weekly reports will begin April 2nd for the 2001 season.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2000

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	---	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	36	-8	16	-20	T
	Sidney	37	-9	16	---	T
NC	Valentine	36	-6	14	-20	T
NE	Norfolk	35	-1	21	-15	.04
	Sioux City	33	5	22	-15	.08
CEN	Grand Island	37	3	19	-9	0
	Ord	35	-11	15	---	T
EC	Lincoln	41	10	26	-13	.03
	Omaha	43	11	26	-13	.01
SW	Imperial	41	2	20	---	T
	North Platte	35	-8	11	-25	.02

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